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BMEDDAC supports 2010 Healthcare Benefits Awareness Month

VILSECK, Germany – The Bavaria Medical Department Activity is supporting the U.S. European Command's 2010 Healthcare Benefits Awareness Month with a variety of community outreach events throughout September.

Healthcare Benefits Awareness Month is an annual EUCOM-wide, joint-service initiative that began in 2006 to inform beneficiaries about their health care benefits.

During September, representatives from each Army health clinic will be available to discuss benefit and medical services information at community events, radio talk shows, town halls and other public venues. They will also coordinate with garrison newspapers and local AFN affiliates to publicize these weekly themes designated by TRICARE Eurasia-Africa: physical health, mental health, dental health, and health care while traveling.

Information about the new TRICARE Overseas Program contract that begins Sept. 1 will also be available in each clinic and at the following community events. TOP contract information is also available at <http://www.tricare.mil/TOPcontract/>.

2010 Healthcare Benefits Awareness Month community events

MTF	Date	Time	What/Where
Bamberg	Sept. 10	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Benefits information, Warner Barracks Community Expo
	Sept. 24	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Benefits information, Warner Barracks commissary
Grafenwoehr	Sept. 8	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Diabetic Fair, TRICARE Information, Grafenwoehr clinic
Hohenfels	Sept. 3	8 a.m. - Noon	Retiree Appreciation Day, Health Clinic
	Sept. 17	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Health fair, post gym
	Sept. 23	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Hand hygiene, TRICARE info, PX/Food Court
Illesheim	Sept. 17	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Car seat safety checks, TRICARE information at library
	Sept. 29	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	BP check, TRICARE information, Illesheim health clinic
Katterbach	Aug. 28	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	TRICARE/health info, Ansbach Community Showcase
	Sept. 25	noon - 4 p.m.	TRICARE/Community Health Info, Ansbach Kinderfest
Schweinfurt	Sept. 15	10 a.m. - noon	Behavioral health, family advocacy info, PX
	Sept. 29	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Health fair, Schweinfurt health clinic
Vilseck	Sept. 10	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Benefits information table, Rose Barracks Commissary
	Sept. 24	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	TRICARE Information, Rose Barracks Commissary

For additional information, contact your local health clinic or visit your local clinic web page at <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil/mtf/index.html>.